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COUNTRY South Vietnam
DOI Early 1967
SUBJECT One U.S. Prisoner of War Providing Technical
Assistance to Viet Cong in Nam Hoa District,
Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam

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SOURCE

DIA #24 000125

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1. On an unknown date in 1967 Than Trong Mot, the Commander of the Hue City military unit informed [REDACTED] that they had observed two U.S. prisoners of war (POW) who had been captured in early 1967 after their aircraft had hit a mountain in dense fog and crashed in the A Shau valley area, Nam Hoa district, Thua Thien province, South Vietnam. He said that one of the men was a pilot-captain and the other an officer whose grade he did not know. Mot said the captain landed safely but that the other officer was seriously injured and recovered only after long medical treatment.

2. Mot said the captain was taken to a Viet Cong base near where they were captured and that he appeared to be cooperative and was providing unspecified technical assistance. Mot said the captain was free to move around the base area and that he sometimes went shooting monkeys or fishing with Viet Cong (VC) personnel. The captain was given a special ration including a chicken per week and two baked maniocs instead of bread everyday because he could not eat rice. Mot did not provide further information about the injured officer. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] never met the two POWs.)

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